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GREENSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TEST HYDRANTS

GREENSBORO, NC (September 29, 2004) – The Greensboro Fire Department will begin its semi-annual fire hydrant tests on October 1 and will continue this operation through November. All City hydrants will be tested to ensure that they are operable and able to produce the required water pressure when needed.

Because this testing must be done during normal operating hours, it will be impossible to know in advance just where or when the testing will take place in any specific area. Opening hydrants can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes.

This kind of testing not only ensures the protection of Greensboro's citizens; it also is an evaluation indicator used by the Insurance Services Office, which rates cities according to the fire protection they offer. The ISO rating resulted in the elevation of the Greensboro Fire Department in February 1992 to a Class 1 protection rating, the best rating possible. Greensboro Fire has maintained this top rating since that time.

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The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.